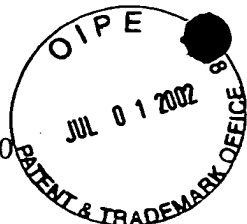


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Correspondence dated April 30, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing. The paper-copy substitute Sequence Listing was timely filed on March 18, 2002, along with a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are active in the present application. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing. Contents of the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing filed on March 18, 2002, and the substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing filed herewith are identical. Support for all the sequences listed in the substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing can be found in